

# The world of ATLAS

The 1700 scientists from 150 universities and laboratories collaborating on ATLAS represent 34 countries and all the world's populated continents. In 2007 the first proton beams will collide in the centre of ATLAS, and, during the next 10-15 years, a fabulous amount of data will be collected and analysed in universities and laboratories all over the world.

## ATLAS web site [atlas.ch](http://atlas.ch)

The web site [atlas.ch](http://atlas.ch) contains much more information on the ATLAS organisation, the detector, the physics, the LHC and the participating university and laboratory groups.

## Students working in ATLAS

Four hundred students worldwide take part in ATLAS. They are constructing the detector, working on data collection, and preparing the analysis of the experimental data. While the international ATLAS collaboration is large, it succeeds by splitting its work into smaller projects in which smaller working groups can make substantial contributions. Starting in 2007, the vast amount of data that result from the proton collisions will be used by scientists and students to study a wide variety of research topics. The large international collaboration is a powerful environment for particle physics explorations, but most of the analysis will be done in smaller groups.

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